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Pacific County - Single Car Fatality Collision

Pacific County- Troopers from the Washington State Patrol responded to a one car fatality collision in the early morning hours of Wednesday April 19, 2006. The collision occurred in the North Cove area of SR 105 near MP 23. When troopers arrived on scene they learned the unrestrained driver died at the scene. The passenger survived the collision; his seatbelt is credited with saving his life and allowing him to only receive minor injuries from the collision.

Troopers received a report of a collision at 4:57 a.m., the initial report indicated one vehicle had drove off the roadway and rolled onto its side, striking a large tree. The driver of the vehicle was Peter Graham, 33 years old from Aberdeen, who was driving a 2000 Toyota pickup. Graham was not wearing a seatbelt and died at the scene. The passenger, Kenneth McMahan, 25 years old from Westport, survived the collision with bumps and bruises. This is an example of how a properly worn seatbelt can increase your chances of surviving a vehicle collision.

Troopers will continue to focus their efforts to remind drivers of the importance of buckling up. In 2005, troopers assigned to the Naselle Detachment contacted 890 people who did not buckle up. In 2006, Troopers assigned to the Naselle Detachment will work tirelessly to remind drivers that seatbelts will save your life.

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